# Appendix E

Botanical Report 2007

# Botanical Survey and Impact Assessment For the Proposed Hillick Ranch Timber Harvest Plan/Timber Conversion Plan

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

A botanical survey was conducted for the Hillick Ranch THP/TCP in order to determine if any rare and endangered plant species and/or rare plant communities were present within the project area. Survey findings are useful in assessing the potential for significant negative impacts on botanical resources and vital in mitigating those impacts to a level less than significant. The following report is based on Guidelines for Assessing the Effects of Proposed Projects on Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants and Plant Communities (DFG 2000).

Botanical nomenclature in this report follows *The Jepson Manual/Higher Plants of California* (Hickman 1993), although common names are borrowed occasionally from other sources in cases where *The Jepson Manual* lists none.

### 2.0 PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND ECOLOGICAL PROFILE

The Hillick Ranch THP/TCP is geo-referenced to the Camp Meeker quadrangle; T8N R10W, sections 33 and 34. The project area is located approximately 1.5 miles east of Guernville along Highway 116 in Sonoma County CA. The THP/TCP consists of two units (A and B) predominately located on two adjacent ridge tops. The harvest/conversion units extend from the top of the ridges down slope to a gradient of 30-40%. A new tractor road, to access Unit B, crosses a class two watercourse (Appendix A). Elevations range from approximately 400-650 feet above mean sea level. The predominant aspect is northeast (Unit A) and southeast (Unit B).

Vegetation within the project area consists primarily of Douglass fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii* var. *menziesii*) dominated North coast coniferous forest (Upland Douglas Fir Forest) (Holland 1986). A minor secondary component of the overall stand composition is characterized by redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) (Upland Redwood Forest) and tanoak (*Lithocarpus densiflorus* var. *densiflorus*)(Tan-oak Forest) dominated stands which tend to occur in micro sites across the harvest units along with madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) and an occasional coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*). The average conifer diameter at breast height (DBH) is between 24"-30" across the units but there is a unique portion of Unit B which supports a more dynamic canopy structure as several (~6) clumped, mature second growth Douglass fir and redwood trees persist.

Characteristic mid level vegetation within the shrub layer is dominated by evergreen huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*), tan oak (*Lithocarpus densiflorus* var. *densiflorus*), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), and California hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta* var. *californica*). Evergreen huckleberry and tan oak saplings cover approximately 30-40% of the understory.

The understory is sparsely dominated by modesty (*Whipplea modesta*), and California milkwort (*Polygala californica*) with a greater diversity of species occurring where sunlight penetrates to the forest floor beneath occasional over story gaps along old skid trails, roads and, landings.

Vegetation associated with the class two water courses lack any significant riparian hardwood component as tanoak (*Lithocarpus densiflorus* var. *densiflorus*) and madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) persist within and along the stream channels and support the occasional big leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), wax myrtle (*Myrica californica*), California bay laurel (*Umbellularia californica*), California hazelnut (*Corylus cornuta* var. *californica*), sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*), and western trillium (*Trillium ovatum*).

The flora associated with a small grassy opening (<1 acre) located at the southern end of Unit A is dominated by introduced annual and perennial grassland vegetation (Sawyer and Keeler-Wolf 1995). Characteristic species include: common velvet grass (Holcus lanatus), brome (Bromus tectorum), soft chess (Bromus hordeaceus), silver European hairgrass (Aira caryophyllea), blue wildrye (Elymus glaucus), orchard grass (Dactylis glomerata), ox-eye daisy (Leucanthemum vulgare), and French broom (Genista monspessulana).

#### 3.0 SCOPING AND METHODS

Scoping strategies, survey methods, and impact assessments/mitigations were consistent with the Guidelines for Assessing the Effects of Proposed Projects on Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants and Plant Communities (DFG 2000), Mitigation Guidelines Regarding Impacts to Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants (CNPS 1998), California Forest Practice Rules (CDF 2006) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (State of California revised 2001).

## 3.1 Scoping

The project area was scoped with the current inventories of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB 2006, 2007) and *Rare Plant Inventory* (CNPS 2006, 2007) to determine all List 1-3 plant taxa known from the Camp Meeker quadrangle (wherein the project lies) and adjacent quads. The result was the Target Species List found below. Plant communities were classified using *Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Plant Communities of California* (Holland 1986) and *A Manual of California Vegetation* (Sawyer and Keeler-Wolf 1995). CNPS inventory quadrangle data includes only CNPS list 1-3 plants. Therefore, plant listings considered were CNPS list 1-3, as well as state and federal rare, threatened, and/or endangered. CNPS list 4 plants were also considered but are not covered under CEQA.

**Target Species List** 

Name (Scientific/Common)	CNPS	Habitat	Blooms	Habitat Present?
Abronia umbellata ssp. breviflora				
pink sand-verbena	List 1B.1	Coastal dunes	Jun-Oct	No
Agrostis blasdalei		Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal dunes,		
Blasdale's bent grass	List 1B.2	Coastal prairie	May-Jul	No
Allium peninsulare var. franciscanum		Cismontane woodland, Valley and foothill grassland/clay, volcanic,		
Franciscan onion	List 1B.2	often serpentinite	May-Jun	Marginal

Alongourus agguelis van genemensis		Marshag and automno(freshunter)	1	<del></del>
Alopecurus aequalis var. sonomensis Sonoma alopecurus	List 1B.1	Marshes and swamps(freshwater), Riparian scrub	May-Jul	No
Sonoma atopecurus	LIST I D. I	Broadleafed upland	iviay-Jui	INU
Amorpha californica var. napensis		forest(openings), Chaparral,		Yes
Napa false indigo	List 1B.2	Cismontane woodland	Apr-Jul	165
Arctostaphylos bakeri ssp. bakeri	Dist 1D.2	Cismontane woodiand	Apr-sui	
Baker's manzanita		Broadleafed upland forest,		
Buker 3 manzama	List 1B.1	Chaparral/often serpentinite	Feb-Apr	Yes
Arctostaphylos bakeri ssp. sublaevis	- Dist 15.1	Closed-cone coniferous forest,	100 1101	100
The Cedars manzanita	List 1B.2	Chaparral/serpentinite seeps	Feb-May	No
Arctostaphylos densiflora	Bist IB.2	Chapartas sorponemico scops	1 co may	110
Vine Hill manzanita	List 1B.1	Chaparral(acid marine sand)	Feb-Apr	No
Arctostaphylos stanfordiana ssp.	2.50 . 5.1		1 20 14	<del> </del>
decumbens		Chaparral(rhyolitic), Cismontane		Marginal
Rincon manzanita	List 1B.1	woodland	Feb-Apr	<i></i>
Blennosperma bakeri		Valley and foothill		
Sonoma sunshine	List 1B.1	grassland(mesic), Vernal pools	Mar-May	No
		Broadleafed upland forest,	†	
		Chaparral, Cismontane woodland,		
•		Lower montane coniferous forest,		
Brodiaea californica var. leptandra		Valley and foothill		Marginal
narrow-anthered California brodiaea	List 1B.2	grassland/volcanic	May-Jul	
Calamagrostis crassiglumis		Coastal scrub(mesic), Marshes and		
Thurber's reed grass	List 2.1	swamps(freshwater)	May-Jul	No
Calochortus raichei		Closed-cone coniferous forest,		
The Cedars fairy-lantern	List 1B.2	Chaparral/serpentinite	May-Aug	No
Calystegia purpurata ssp. saxicola		Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub,		
coastal bluff morning-glory	List 1B.2	North Coast coniferous forest	May-Sep	Marginal
		Bogs and fens, Closed-cone		
		coniferous forest, Coastal prairie,		ļ
		Meadows and seeps, Marshes and		
Campanula californica		swamps(freshwater), North Coast		1
swamp harebell	List 1B.2	coniferous forest/mesic	Jun-Oct	Yes
Carex albida	1	Bogs and fens, Marshes and	34. 7.1	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
white sedge	List 1B.1	swamps(freshwater)	May-Jul	No
		Coastal prairie, Marshes and		
Carex comosa	1:-421	swamps(lake margins), Valley and	M 0	Na
bristly sedge	List 2.1	foothill grassland	May-Sep	No
Castilleja uliginosa Pitkin Marsh Indian paintbrush				
Pikin Marsh Indian paintorush	List 1A	Marshas and swamps(freshwater)	Jun-Jul	No
	LIST IA	Marshes and swamps(freshwater)  Closed-cone coniferous forest,	Juli-Jul	110
Ceanothus confusus		Chaparral, Cismontane		
Rincon Ridge ceanothus	List 1B.1	woodland/volcanic or serpentinite	Feb-Jun	No
Ceanothus foliosus var. vineatus	Eist ID.1	woodiand/voicame of scrpentime	100-3411	110
Vine Hill ceanothus	List 1B.1	Chaparral	Mar-May	No
v mo thii oomionido	Dist 1D.1	- Cimpuitui	171411 17141	110
Ceanothus purpureus		Chaparral, Cismontane		
holly-leaved ceanothus	List 1B.2	woodland/volcanic, rocky	Feb-Jun	No
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		4		1
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. minus	List 1B.2	Chaparral(serpentinite)	Mav-Aug	No
	List 1B.2	Chaparral(serpentinite) Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal dunes,	May-Aug	No
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. minus dwarf soaproot	List 1B.2	Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal dunes,		
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. minus	List 1B.2		May-Aug Apr- Jul(Aug)	No No

woolly-headed spineflower		Coastal scrub/sandy	Jul(Aug)	No
Chorizanthe valida				
Sonoma spineflower	List 1B.1	Coastal prairie(sandy)	Jun-Aug	No
		Broadleafed upland forest, Coastal		
		bluff scrub, Coastal prairie, Coastal	]	
Cirsium andrewsii	1100	scrub/mesic, sometimes		No
Franciscan thistle	List 1B.2	serpentinite	Mar-Jul	
Clarkia imbricate		Character M. Name and Co. do N.	ĺ	
Vine Hill clarkia	Line 1D 1	Chaparral, Valley and foothill	I A	N <sub>a</sub>
C 11-4	List 1B.1	grassland/acidic sandy loam	Jun-Aug	No
Cordylanthus maritimus ssp. palustris Point Reyes bird's-beak	List 1B.2	Morehas and systemas(acceptal solt)	lum Ont	. No
Cordylanthus tenuis ssp. capillaries	List 1B.2	Marshes and swamps(coastal salt)  Closed-cone coniferous forest,	Jun-Oct	No
Pennell's bird's-beak	List 1B.2	Chaparral/serpentinite	Ium Com	No
remens ond s-beak	LIST 1B.2	Broadleafed upland forest, Coastal	Jun-Sep	No
		scrub, Valley and foothill		
Delphinium bakeri		grassland/decomposed shale, often	1	1
Baker's larkspur	List 1B.1	mesic grassiand/decomposed snale, often	Mar-May	No
Delphinium luteum	Dist ID.I	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Coastal	iviui-iviay	170
yellow larkspur	List 1B.1	scrub/rocky	Mar-May	No
yenow larkspur	- Bist 1B.1	Broadleafed upland forest, Closed-	ivia iviay	110
		cone coniferous forest, Chaparral,		
		Cismontane woodland, North	<b>{</b>	
Dirca occidentalis		Coast coniferous forest, Riparian	Jan-	
western leatherwood	List 1B.2	forest, Riparian woodland/mesic	Mar(Apr)	Yes
Downingia pusilla		Valley and foothill		
dwarf downingia	List 2.2	grassland(mesic), Vernal pools	Mar-May	No
Erigeron angustatus				
narrow-leaved daisy	List 1B.2	Chaparral(serpentinite or volcanic)	May-Sep	No
		Broadleafed upland forest,		
		Cismontane woodland, North		ļ
Erigeron biolettii		Coast coniferous forest/rocky,		Marginal
streamside daisy	List 3	mesic	Jun-Oct	
Erigeron serpentines				
serpentine daisy	List 1B.3	Chaparral(serpentinite, seeps)	May-Aug	No
Eriogonum luteolum var. caninum				110
0		Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley	(May)Jun-	
Tiburon buckwheat	List 3.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite		No
Tiburon buckwheat	List 3.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland	(May)Jun- Sep	
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum		Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous	(May)Jun- Sep Mar-	No
Tiburon buckwheat	List 3.2 List 2.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks	(May)Jun- Sep	
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum  coast fawn lily		Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal	(May)Jun- Sep Mar-	No
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea	List 2.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug)	No Marginal
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary		Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal	(May)Jun- Sep Mar-	No
Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis	List 2.2 List 1B.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug) Feb-Apr	No Marginal
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary	List 2.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug)	No Marginal
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis dune gilia	List 2.2 List 1B.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite  Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug) Feb-Apr	No Marginal
Tiburon buckwheat  Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis dune gilia  Gilia capitata ssp. tomentosa	List 2.2 List 1B.2 List 1B.1	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite  Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub  Coastal bluff scrub(rocky,	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug) Feb-Apr Apr-Jul	No Marginal No No
Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis dune gilia  Gilia capitata ssp. tomentosa woolly-headed gilia	List 2.2 List 1B.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite  Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks  Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite  Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug) Feb-Apr	No Marginal
Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis dune gilia  Gilia capitata ssp. tomentosa woolly-headed gilia Gilia millefoliata	List 2.2 List 1B.2 List 1B.1 List 1B.1	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub Coastal bluff scrub(rocky, outcrops)	(May)Jun- Sep  Mar- Jul(Aug)  Feb-Apr  Apr-Jul  May-Jul	No Marginal No No
Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis dune gilia  Gilia capitata ssp. tomentosa woolly-headed gilia Gilia millefoliata dark-eyed gilia	List 2.2 List 1B.2 List 1B.1	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub Coastal bluff scrub(rocky, outcrops) Coastal dunes	(May)Jun- Sep Mar- Jul(Aug) Feb-Apr Apr-Jul	No Marginal No No
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Erythronium revolutum coast fawn lily  Fritillaria liliacea fragrant fritillary Gilia capitata ssp. chamissonis dune gilia  Gilia capitata ssp. tomentosa woolly-headed gilia Gilia millefoliata dark-eyed gilia  Hemizonia congesta ssp. leucocephala	List 2.2  List 1B.2  List 1B.1  List 1B.1  List 1B.2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Valley and foothill grassland/serpentinite Bogs and fens, Broadleafed upland forest, North Coast coniferous forest/mesic, streambanks Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill grassland/often serpentinite  Coastal dunes, Coastal scrub  Coastal bluff scrub(rocky, outcrops)  Coastal dunes Coastal scrub, Valley and foothill	(May)Jun- Sep  Mar- Jul(Aug)  Feb-Apr  Apr-Jul  May-Jul  Apr-Jul	No Marginal No No No

short-leaved evax		Coastal scrub/sandy		No
		Broadleafed upland forest,		
Horkelia tenuiloba		Chaparral, Valley and foothill		
Point Reyes horkelia	List 1B.2	grassland/mesic openings, sandy	May-Jul	Marginal
Lasthenia burkei		Meadows and seeps(mesic), Vernal		
Burke's goldfields	List 1B.1	pools	Apr-Jun	No
		Cismontane woodland,	•	
	}	Playas(alkaline), Valley and		
Lasthenia conjugens		foothill grassland, Vernal	j	No
Contra Costa goldfields	List 1B.1	pools/mesic	Mar-Jun	
		Closed-cone coniferous		
		forest(openings), Coastal scrub,		1
Lasthenia macrantha ssp. bakeri		Meadows and seeps, Marshes and		
Baker's goldfields	List 1B.2	swamps	Apr-Oct	No
Lasthenia macrantha ssp. macrantha		Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal dunes,		
perennial goldfields	List 1B.2	Coastal scrub	Jan-Nov	No
Legenere limosa				
legenere	List 1B.1	Vernal pools	Apr-Jun	No
Leptosiphon jepsonii		Chaparral, Cismontane	•	
Jepson's leptosiphon	List 1B.2	woodland/usually volcanic	Apr-May	No
Leptosiphon rosaceus				
rose leptosiphon	List 1B.1	Coastal bluff scrub	Apr-Jul	No
		Cismontane woodland, Coastal		
		scrub, Valley and foothill		
Lessingia arachnoidea		grassland/serpentinite, often		1
Crystal Springs lessingia	List 1B.2	roadsides	Jul-Oct	Marginal
		Broadleafed upland forest, Coastal		
	1	scrub, Lower montane coniferous		ł
Lessingia hololeuca		forest, Valley and foothill		(
woolly-headed lessingia	List 3	grassland/clay, serpentinite	Jun-Oct	Marginal
Woolly housed toosingia		Cismontane woodland, Meadows	tun ott	- Artai garai
Lilium pardalinum ssp. pitkinense		and seeps, Marshes and		[
Pitkin Marsh lily	List 1B.1	swamps(freshwater)/mesic, sandy	Jun-Jul	No
T LIKITI TVIGILLITY	Dist FB.1	Meadows and seeps, Valley and	3411 341	110
Limnanthes vinculans		foothill grassland, Vernal		
Sebastopol meadowfoam	List 1B.1	pools/vernally mesic	Apr-May	No
Lupinus eximius	Dist 1D.1	pools/ vernary mesic	7 tpi Way	110
San Mateo tree lupine	List 3.2	Chaparral, Coastal scrub	Apr-Jul	No
Lupinus tidestromii	2.00.3.2	Campuitus, Comous Soitto	. 10. 04:	
Tidestrom's lupine	List 1B.1	Coastal dunes	Apr-Jun	No
Mertensia bella		Meadows and seeps, Upper	p	-:-
Oregon lungwort	List 2.2	montane coniferous forest/mesic	May-Jul	No
		Closed-cone coniferous forest,		
		Cismontane woodland, Coastal		
Microseris paludosa				
	Liet ID 2	scrub, Valley and foothill	Ann Iun(Iul)	No
marsh microseris	List 1B.2	grassland	Apr-Jun(Jul)	140
		Broadleafed upland		
		forest(openings),		
Manage 1-11 21		Chaparral(openings), Cismontane	1	Manainal
Monardella villosa ssp. globosa	1:	woodland, Coastal scrub, Valley	Jun-	Marginal
obust monardella	List 1B.2	and foothill grassland	Jul(Aug)	
		Cismontane woodland, Lower	;	
		montane coniferous forest,		
Navarretia leucocephala ssp. bakeri		Meadows and seeps, Valley and		<u> </u>

Baker's navarretia	List 1B.1	foothill grassland, Vernal pools/mesic	Apr-Jul	Marginal
Navarretia leucocephala ssp. plieantha				
many-flowered navarretia	List 1B.2	Vernal pools(volcanic ash flow)	May-Jun	No
		Broadleafed upland forest,		
Pleuropogon hooverianus		Meadows and seeps, North Coast		
North Coast semaphore grass	List 1B.1	coniferous forest/open areas, mesic	Apr-Aug	Marginal
Polygonum marinense		Marshes and swamps(coastal salt	(Apr)May-	
Marin knotweed	List 3.1	or brackish)	Aug(Oct)	No
		Coastal bluff scrub, Closed-cone	İ	
		coniferous forest, Meadows and		ł
Potentilla hickmanii		seeps(vernally mesic), Marshes		
Hickman's cinquefoil	List 1B.1	and swamps(freshwater)	Apr-Aug	No
		Bogs and fens, Meadows and		
Rhynchospora alba	1	seeps, Marshes and		No
white beaked-rush	List 2.2	swamps(freshwater)	Jul-Aug	
		Bogs and fens, Lower montane	1	1
		coniferous forest, Meadows and		
Rhynchospora californica		seeps(seeps), Marshes and		
California beaked-rush	List 1B.1	swamps(freshwater)	May-Jul	Marginal
	ļ	Lower montane coniferous forest,		
		Meadows and seeps, Marshes and		
Rhynchospora capitellata	1.,	swamps, Upper montane		
prownish beaked-rush	List 2.2	coniferous forest/mesic	Jul-Aug	Marginal
Rhynchospora globularis var. globularis				
ound-headed beaked-rush	List 2.1	Marshes and swamps(freshwater)	Jul-Aug	No
n		1		1
Sidalcea calycosa ssp. rhizomata		Marshes and swamps(freshwater,	1	1.,
Point Reyes checkerbloom	List 1B.2	near coast)	Apr-Sep	No
Gidalaan kinkuun iii aan ariis 10				
Sidalcea hickmanii ssp. viridis	1: 10 0	Chamana Karana di Ma	) May 1	1
Marin checkerbloom	List 1B.3	Chaparral(serpentinite)	May-Jun	No
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Sidalcea malviflora ssp. purpurea	Lint 1D 3	Broadleafed upland forest, Coastal		N-
ourple-stemmed checkerbloom	List 1B.2	prairie	May-Jun	No
		Chaparral, Cismontane woodland,		
Streptanthus glandulosus var. hoffmanii	Link 1D 2	Valley and foothill grassland(often	N 1-1	) N-
ecund jewel-flower	List 1B.3	serpentinite)/rocky	Mar-Jul	No
			1	
Strontonthus mounisonii san alates				
Streptanthus morrisonii ssp. elatus	List 1D 2	Changeral(garmantinita)	lun San	No
Three Peaks jewel-flower	List 1B.2	Chaparral(serpentinite)	Jun-Sep	No
Streptanthus morrisonii ssp. hirtiflorus	List 1D 2	Closed-cone coniferous forest,	I.m.	No
Porr's Cabin jewel-flower	List 1B.2	Chaparral/serpentinite	Jun	No
tuantauthua manisassii aan		Changemal(someontimits and		1
Itreptanthus morrisonii ssp. morrisonii Morrison's jewel-flower	Liet 1D 2	Chaparral(serpentinite, rocky,	May San	No
JOH 19011 9 JEWEI-HOWEI	List 1B.2	talus)	May-Sep	No
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		Constal bluff someh Wallace and		
rifolium amaans		Coastal bluff scrub, Valley and		1
rifolium amoenum	Liet 1D 1	foothill grassland(sometimes	Ang I	l No
howy Indian clover	List 1B.1	serpentinite)	Apr-Jun	No

		Broadleafed upland forest,		
Trifolium buckwestiorum	1	Cismontane woodland, Coastal		
Santa Cruz clover	List 1B.1	prairie/gravelly, margins	Apr-Oct	Yes
		Marshes and swamps, Valley and		
Trifolium depauperatum var. hydrophilum		foothill grassland(mesic, alkaline),		
saline clover	List 1B.2	Vernal pools	Apr-Jun	No
		Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub,		
Triphysaria floribunda		Valley and foothill		
San Francisco owl's-clover	List 1B.2	grassland/usually serpentinite	Apr-Jun	No
Triquetrella californica		Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal		
coastal triquetrella	List 1B.2	scrub/soil		No

## 3.2 Methods

Floristic field surveys were conducted during sensitive plant blooming windows unless species were readily identifiable by vegetative characteristics, or reference sites were visited and sensitive plants were found blooming outside the expected windows. Floristic surveys were conducted using intuitively-controlled, habitat-focused techniques, with the majority of survey effort in potential sensitive plant habitat. Habitats within the project site were surveyed to inventory the plants present. All vascular plants observed (Appendix B) were identified to the taxonomic level necessary to exclude Target Species.

## 3.3 Survey dates and Surveyors

Matt Richmond (B.S. Biological Sciences/botany emphasis) spent a total of 16.5 hours searching for rare plants on June 19, July 20, 2006 and on May 15, 2007. Survey Routes and coverage area is shown in Appendix A.

## 4.0 FINDINGS

No rare, endangered, or threatened plant species (CNPS list 1-4) were located during survey.

#### 5.0 POTENTIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Survey findings indicate that the proposed project will have no impact on rare plants or rare plant communities.

## 6.0 DISCUSSION

While many rare plants are known to occur within this region, habitats in the conversion area are limited to mostly closed canopy North-coast coniferous forest and a small area (less than one acre) of ruderal grassland land vegetation.

## 7.0 PROTECTION MEASURES

No protection measures are recommended.

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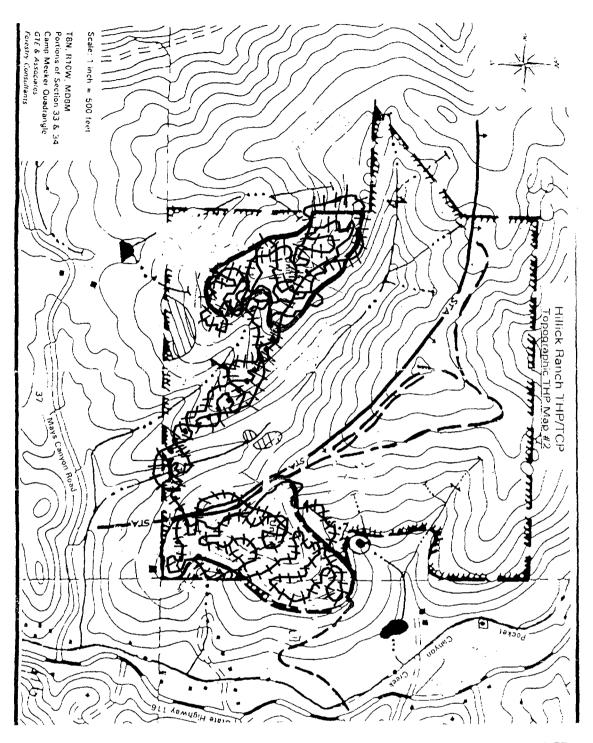
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## **APPENDIX A: SURVEY ROUTES**



Survey Effort (June, July 2006 and, May 2007)

Combined Survey Routes

Hillick Ranch THP/TCP Somoma County, California Prepared by: Redwood Coast Associates July 19, 2007

# **APPENDIX B:** PLANTS OBSERVED ON THE PROPERTY ORGANIZED PHYLOGENETICALLY

The nomenclature for the list of plants found on the project site follows Hickman (1993).

The plant list is organized by major plant group in the following order: Vascular Plants – Lycophyta; Vascular Plants – Sphenophyta; Vascular Plants - Pterophyta; Vascular Plants - Gymnosperms Conifers; Vascular Plants - Anthophyta Dicots Herbs; Vascular Plants Monocots – Grasses; Vascular Plants Monocots - Sedges and Rushes; Vascular Plants Monocots - Herbs.

\* = Non-native

## **VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION SPHENOPHYTA**

**EQUISETACEAE** 

Equisetum hyemale ssp. affine Equisetum telmatia ssp. braunii Common Scouring Rush Giant Horsetail

## VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION PTEROPHYTA

**BLECHNACEAE** 

Woodwardia fimbriata

Chain Fern

**DENNSTAEDTIACEAE** 

Pteridium aquilinum var.pubescens

Bracken Fern

**DRYOPTERIDACEAE** 

Polystichum munitum Athyrium felix-femina sword fern lady fern

**PTERIDACEAE** 

Adiantum jordanii

Pentagramma triangularis

common maiden hair fern

goldback fern

## VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION CONIFEROPHYTA—GYMNOSPERMS

**PINACEAE** 

Pseudotsuga menziesii var. menziesii

Douglass-fir

**TAXODIACEAE** 

Sequoia sempervirens

coast redwood

## <u>VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA –ANGIOSPERMS</u> <u>CLASS–DICOTYLEDONAE- TREES</u>

**ACERACEAE** 

Acer macrophyllum

big leaf maple

**ERICACEAE** 

Arbutus menziesii

madrone

**FAGACEAE** 

Lithocarpus densiflorus

Quercus agrifolia

tan oak

coast live oak

**LAURACEAE** 

Umbellularia californica

California bay

# VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA –ANGIOSPERMS CLASS–DICOTYLEDONAE-SHRUBS AND WOODY VINES

**ANACARDIACEAE** 

Toxicodendron diversilobum

poison oak

**ASTERACEAE** 

Baccharis pilularis

coyote brush

**BETULACEAE** 

Corylus cornuta var. californica

hazelnut

**CAPRIFOLIACEAE** 

Lonicera hispidula var. vacillans

Symphoricarpos mollis

honeysuckle

creeping snowberry

**ERICACEAE** 

Arctostaphylos columbiana Chimaphila menziesii

Vaccinium ovatum

hairy manzanita little prince's pine evergreen huckleberry

**FABACEAE** 

\*Genista monspessulana

French broom

**LAMIACEAE** 

Satureja douglasii

yerba Buena

**PHILADELPHACEAE** 

Whipplea modesta

modesty

**RHAMNACEAE** 

Ceanothus cuneatus var. cuneatus

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus

Rhamnus californica

buckbrush blueblossom

California coffeeberry

**ROSACEAE** 

\*Cotoneaster pannosa Rosa gymnocarpa

Rubus leucodermis Rubus ursinus cotoneaster wood rose

white-stemmed raspberry California blackberry

**SCROPHULARIACEAE** 

Mimulus aurantiacus

bush monkey flower

# <u>VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA –ANGIOSPERMS</u> <u>CLASS–DICOTYLEDONAE-HERBS</u>

**APIACEAE** 

Osmorhiza chilense Sanicula crassicaulis \*Torilis arvensis sweet cicely
Pacific sanicle
hedge-parsley

**ASTERACEAE** 

Achillea millefoliumyarrowAdenocaulon bicolortrail plant

Anaphalis margaritacea pearly everlasting
\*Bellis perennis English daisy
\*Conyza Canadensis horseweed

\*Erichtites minima Australian fireweed

Eriophyllum lanatum var. achillaeoides common wooley sunflower

\*Gnaphalium luteo-album White Cudweed
Hypochaeris radiata Harry Cat's Ear
Madia exigua Threadstem Madia
Madia sativa Coast Tarweed

\*Senecio vulgaris Common Groundsel

\*Sonchus oleraceus Common Sow Thistle

\*Taraxacum officinale Dandelion

Wyethia angustifolia Narrow Leafed Mules Ears

**BEREBERIDACEAE** 

Vancouveria planipetala Inside-out Flower

**BORAGINACEAE** 

Cyanoglossum grande Hound's Tongue

**BRASSICACEAE** 

Cardamine californica

\*Raphanus sativus

Milk Maids Wild Radish

**CAMPANULACEAE** 

Campanula prenanthoides

California Harebell

**CARYOPHYLLACEAE** 

\*Stellaria media

Chickweed

**CLUSIACEAE** 

\*Hypericum perforatum

Klamath Weed

**ERICACEAE** 

Pyrrola picta

**FABACEAE** 

Shinleaf

Lathyrus vestitus var. vestitus Hillside Pea

Lotus micranthusSmall Flowered Lotus\*Trifolium repensWhite CloverTrifolium wildenoviiTomcat Clover

\*Vicia villosa ssp. villosa Hairy Vetch, Winter Vetch

\*Vicia sativa ssp. nigra Narrow Leaved-vetch

**GENTIANACEAE** 

Centaurium muehlenbergii

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**GERANIACEAE** 

\*Erodium botrys
\*Geranium dissectum
\*Geranium molle

Broadleaf Filaree Common Geranium Dove's Foot Geranium

**HYDROPHYLLACEAE** 

Nemophila heterophylla

Canyon Nemophila

**LAMIACEAE** 

\*Mentha pulegium Prunella vulgaris var. lanceolata Stachys ajugoides var. rigida Pennyroyal Self-heal Hedge-nettle

**LINACEAE** 

\*Linum bienne

Flax

**ONAGRACEAE** 

Epilobium ciliatum

Northern Willow Herb

**OXILIDACEAE** 

Oxalis oregana Redwood Sorrel

**PAPAVERACEAE** 

Eschscholzia californica California poppy

**PLANTAGINACEAE** 

\*Plantago lanceolata English Plantain

**POLEMONIACEAE** 

Navarretia squarrosa Skunkweed

**POLYGALACEAE** 

Polygala californica Milkwort

**POLYGONACEAE** 

\*Rumex acetosella Sheep Sorrel
\*Rumex crispus Curly Dock

**PRIMULACEAE** 

\*Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel

Trientalis latifolia Starflower

**RANUNCULACEAE** 

Ranunculus occidentalis western buttercup

**ROSACEAE** 

Fragaria vesca ssp. vesca wood strawberry

**RUBIACEAE** 

\*Galium aparine Goose Grass
Galium murale Tiny bedstraw

**SAXIFRAGACEAE** 

Tiarella trifoliata Lace Flower

**SCROPHULARIACEAE** 

\*Parentucellia viscosa Yellow Parentucellia Pedicularis densiflora Indian Warrior \*Verbascum thapsus Wooley Mullein

**VIOLACEAE** 

Viola sempervirens Evergreen Violet

## <u>VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA –ANGIOSPERMS</u> <u>CLASS–MONOCOTYLEDONAE-GRASSES</u>

### **POACEAE**

\*Aira caryophyllea Silver European Hairgrass
Agrostis stolonifea Creeping-bent Grass
\*Anthoxanthum odoratum Sweet Vernal Grass
\*Avena barbata Slender Wild Oat
\*Avena fotus

\*Avena fatua Wild Oat

\*Briza maxima Large Quaking Grass

\*Briza minor Small Quaking Grass

\*Bromus hordeaceus Soft Chess
Bromus vulgaris Columbia Brome
\*Cynosurus echinatus Hedgehog, Dogtail
\*Dactylis glomerata Orchard Grass
Elymus glaucus ssp glaucus Blue Wildrye

Hierochloe occidentalis Sweet Grass, Vanilla Grass

\*Holcus lanatus

\*Lolium multiflorum

\*Lolium perenne

\*Poa annua

\*Vulpia bromoides

Velvet Grass

Italian Rye Grass

Perennial Rye Grass

Annual Bluegrass

Six-week Fescue

# VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA —ANGIOSPERMS CLASS—MONOCOTYLEDONAE-SEDGES AND RUSHES

#### **CYPERACEAE**

Carex deweyana ssp. lepotopoda sedge

#### **JUNCACEAE**

Juncus effusus Rush
Luzula comosa Wood Rush

## <u>VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA –ANGIOSPERMS</u> <u>CLASS–MONOCOTYLEDONAE-HERBS</u>

## **IRIDACEAE**

Iris douglasiana Douglass Iris

## **LILIACEAE**

Scoliopus bigelovii Slink Pod

Trillium ovatum Western Trillium

Zigadenus fremontii var. fremontii Star Lily

## **ORCHIDACEAE**

Corallorhiza maculate Spotted Coralroot